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Fibrant Broadband in the running for Leading Lights Award

-- Salisbury utility a finalist for Most Innovative Gigabit Broadband Service--

Salisbury, N.C., (Tuesday, April 26, 2016) – Salisbury's broadband utility, Fibrant has been named a finalist for a Leading Lights Award from Light Reading, "the leading trade publication for communications networking."

Fibrant is one of five finalists in the *Most Innovative Gigabit Broadband Service* category. Other finalists in the category include EPB Chattanooga and LinkNYC. All five broadband networks have been recognized as communications service providers (fixed, cable, utility, municipality) that have launched innovative Gigabit broadband service offerings.

The Leading Lights Awards program has a 12-year history in the technology community. This year, Light Reading received more than 300 entries for all 25 Leading Lights Award categories. Winners will be announced at the Leading Lights Awards dinner, Monday, May 23, in Austin, Texas. The awards ceremony is the kickoff to Light Reading's Big Communications Event, an annual gathering of the network industry's top providers in the U.S.

Fibrant, the City of Salisbury's fiber optic network, is the first citywide, 10-Gigabit network in the world. Fibrant boasts offerings of high-definition TV, digital phone, Internet and

data center services direct to residents and local businesses. For more information about Fibrant, visit www.fibrant.com.

The City of Salisbury, America's first 10-gigabit city, is located in the heart of the Piedmont region of North Carolina, midway between Charlotte and Greensboro. Salisbury is the county seat of Rowan County, and provides a full range of municipal services, including law enforcement, fire protection, zoning and code enforcement and water and sewer systems. For more information regarding the City of Salisbury and its services and departments, please visit us on the web at www.salisburync.gov. To receive updates regarding local initiatives, meetings, programs and events, please follow us on Twitter at @CitySalisburyNC and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC>.